HAS DECIDED ON FAIR COMMISSIONERS

Nine Have Been Selected by Gov. Receipts on First Assessment a ernor, But He Withholds

It Is Probable That Certain Mem- | Many Large Subscriptions Soon bers of Legislature Will Receive Appointments as Com-

Jefferson City, Mo., March 21 .- To a Republic representative Thursday Governor Dockery said he had determined upon who would compose the nine World's Fair Commissioners. He would not, however, announce the membership of the commission for the reason that all of the appropriation bills which the Constitution requires shall be approved first by the chief executive have not been signed.

Of the seven, two have not yet received his signature—the eleemosynary institutions appropriation bill and the general appro-priation bill. After these two have been signed the other appropriation bills will be taken up and considered.

As practically all were passed within ten days next preceding the last day of the ession of the General Assembly, the Governor has thirty days in which to affix his signature to the other measures appropri-

signature to the other measures appropriating money for various purposes. The
World's Fair bill will be taken up immediately after the two appropriation measures mentioned have been signed by Governor Dockery.

Another question which Governor Dockery says he will decide before the appointments are announced is whether or not
there is a constitutional inhibition against
members of the Legislature holding World's
Fair commissionerships, from which it may
be gathered that some prominent members
of this body are to be given places on the
commission.

commission. The commission is to be composed of nine members—five Democrats and four Republicans. Appointment to it is looked upon as a plum, and a large number of prominent Democrats and Republicans have signified their willingness to serve the State in the capacity of Commissioners.

SAY NORTHROP WILL BE NAMED.

Minnesota Congressmen Declare He Is Sure to Be Appointed.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL
Washington, March 21.—The President did not complete the list of the World's Fair Commissioners Thursday. Eight of the nine members still appear to be settled upon and the Minnesota backers of Professor Cyrus Northrop claim that he is assured of the appointment. That would apparently leave out Mr. Rodenberg of East St. Louis, and it seems quite probable that in spite of his strong support the Illinois candidate may be disappointed. If the Minnesota Congressmen are correct in their statement then the list is virtually complete, as follows:
Carter, chairman; Thurston, Lindsay, McBride, Allen, Glynn, Betts, Miller and Northrop.

of the commission, as outlined. But one of the commissioners, Lindsay of Kentucky, has had experience in exposition matters. The President, however, it is said, has indicated to several of the commissioners to be, that in view of Flory's being defeated for a place on the commission, it would be well to tender him the secretaryship.

The commission may be definitely appointed Friday, but at the White House Thursday evening it was stated that the time when the matter will be disposed of finally cannot be predicted.

CUBAN SENTIMENT CHANGING.

Even General Sanguily Now In dorses Platt Amendment.

Havana, March 21 .- An element of doubt now exists as to what will be the final attitude of the Cuban Constitutional Convention. The preponderance of public opinion in favor of the Platt amendment during the last few days is having its effect upon the radical members, and General Sanguly's press utterances further tend to weaken the strength of the radicals.

General Sanguily was the most radical of all the delegates. He favored dissolving the convention when the United States Congress adopted the amendment. Recently he has and in private the views to which he has now given public expression, but few expected him to maintain the stand. He now

"A literal interpretation of the Platt mendment might mean the loss of Cuban independence, but the liberal view which President McKinley and the convention would give would leave nothing to be feared by the Cubans. I do not believe that by waiting we would get better terms from the next Congress. Independence, with some restrictions, is preferable to a continuance of military rule, which would surely follow a rejection of the Platt amendment,"

SPEEDING ACROSS CONTINENT. New York Millionaire Trying to

Break All Records.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Omaha, Neb., March 21.—What is expected to prove the fastest transcontinental railway trip on record is now being made be-tween San Francisco and New York by Doctor W. Seward Webb, a multi-millionaire, and party. The train passed through Omaha Thursday at midnight.

the purpose of Doctor Webb to break all fast-running records between the

two oceans.

The party left San Francisco Tuesday night over the Southern Pacific. From Ogden to Omaha the train of five cars was taken in charge by the Union Pacific.

For this run the fixest engine on the Union Pacific system waited at Orden to Union Pacific system waited at Ogden to hitch on and whirl the train across the great divide, the broad plains of Wyom-ing and Western Nebraska, with the speed of the wind.

f the wind, Division Superintendent Park of Cheyenne Division Superintendent Park of Cheyenne, who recently superintended the flight of the fast train, on which was President Hayes of the Southern Pacific, and who succeeded in making a record of eighty-seven miles an hour, will look after the "Wild Bird" across the western division. On the special are Doctor Webb, his wife and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lawrence of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bird of New York, Miss Metcalfe and Miss Dunn, friends of Miss Webb.

ATTEMPT TO EXTORT \$2,500.

D. F. Coon, Broker, Receives Threatening Letter

Fort Scott, Kas., March 21.-An attempt to extort \$2,500 from the family of D. F. Coon, a broker, was made public to-day. A letter was addressed to the Coon family, demanding that \$2,500 in currency be left last night at a designated spot near a

The letter said the refusal to comply with the demand would mean bodily harm to offerent members of the family. Last night a Deputy Sheriff took a decoy package to the spot indicated in the letter and remained on watch all night, but no one appeared to get the package.

HEAVY PAYMENTS ON WORLD'S FAIR STOCK.

Bank of Commerce Now Aggregate \$200,000.

WERE GREAT MANY CANDIDATES THE MANAGERS ARE SATISFIED.

Will Respond-Details for the Banquet on April 4-Guests of Honor.

Payments made at the National Bank of Commerce Thursday on account of the first assessment of 10 per cent on World's Fair subscriptions amounted to \$25,124, which brings up the total so far collected to nearly \$200,000. A balance of \$300,000 must be paid in before the incorporation papers of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company can be filed and actual work commenced on

The \$25,124 collected Thursday was paid in by more than 400 subscribers. A check for \$5,500 was received from the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway. The William J. Lemp Brewing Company paid \$2,500, which was accompanied with Mr. Lemp's personal was accompanied with Mr. Lemp's personal check for \$500. Other large subscribers who paid were Samuel Cupples Woodenware Company, \$2,000; Scruggs, Vandevoort & Barney, \$1,500; B. Nugent & Bro. Dry Goods Company, \$2,500; the Grand-Leader, \$1,000; Rice, Silx & Co., \$2,000; C. H. Huttig, \$500; Gangra, Mayer, \$500. Harrison, J. Department George Meyer, \$500; Harrison I. Drummond

Many of the larger subscribers are still to be heard from, and assurances have been received from several of these that their 10 per cent will be forthcoming before banking hours close on Saturday. Notices will probably be sent out to delinquents the first of next week. It will take considerable time and trouble to mail all these notices, and subscribers are urged to prevent this delay as much as possible by paying up Friday and Saturday.

Banquet Details Progressing. Satisfactory progress has been made with the details for the banquet to be given by the Business Men's League on April 4 "to

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Elaborate Menu Prepared.

The Banquet Committee, of which Nathan Frank is chairman, is giving daily attention to plans and details. The banquet will be given at the Planters Hotel at 7 o'clock on April 4. It is to be in every respect the finest banquet that money can obtain, and Manager Weaver promises to furnish the best ever attempted in St. Louis. The decorations will be claborate and costly.

As the Louislana Purchase Centennial Exposition is an international event, to which all the countries of the earth are to be invited by the United States Government, the larke dining-room at the Planters will be profusely decorated with flags of all nations. There will be other elaborate and appropriate floral and other decorations. Special attention is being paid to music, and this feature of the entertainment will be pleasing. It is part of the plan to locate every guest at the banquet and to haze a diagram showing where the plate of each is laid.

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laid. The menu will be an elaborate souvenir of the occasion. The committee has not yet been able to make any definite arrangements in regard to toasts, nor will it be able to do so until replies have been received to the invitations, and it is known definitely who will be able to attend.

LEADING TOPICS

-IN-TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri-Fair Friday: increas

ing cloudiness and probably rain Saturday; variable winds. For Illinois-Fair and warmer Fri

day. Saturday, probably fair: westerly winds shifting to fresh south-

For Arkansas-Partly cloudy Friday with probably showers in the afternoon or at night. Saturday fair; variable winds.

1. Has Decided on Fair Commissioners. Heavy Payments on World's Fair Stock. To Vote on Increase of Library Fund.

Town Governed Without Officers. 2. Will Remain Loyal to His Supporters.

Declares St. Louis Has Been Disgraced. 3. Winter Wheat Crop Outlook.

Composer Gunkel Shot by a Woman, Left the Captain to Fight Fire. To Delay Opening of Buffalo Exposition, Wolcott Will Not Succeed Hitchcock

5. New City Hospital Soon Must Be Built. Private Funeral of Charles Humphrey.

6. Animosity Took Selling Stakes. Transfer of the Fair Association

7. Orange Crop Too Big to Be Moved. News of the City in Brief.

8. Editorial. Social Events. To Select Judges and Clerks Friday. Where the City's Money Goes.

Compressed Air Tunnel Motors. 9. Romance of Consul Ragsdale's Wife.

10. Republic Want Ads.

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Railway News From All Points. Tesla's Far-Reaching Plans.

12. Grain and Produce. Prices of Poultry. Brother Shoots at Brother.

13. Financial News. River News.

Big Damage by Fire in Carthage.

14. March Lamb Must Work Overtime. Visitors at the Hotels. Mrs. Nation Begins a New Crusade.



Old Lady Peace: "If you'll only keep quiet, I may catch my dove again."

MANIPULATING THE MAY PORK MARKET.

ings Suddenly the Bulls Demoralized Prices.

Close to Fifty Thousand Barrels Changed Hands on the Board of Trade-Looking for a Squeeze.

Chicago, Ill., March 21,-Close to 50,000 barrels of pork were bought and sold on the of it being credited to the Armour inter-ests. The amount sold by the representatives of J. Ogden Armour, the young man who is now in his initial fray on the

board, is variously estimated at from 15,000 to 25,000 barrels, and all this was disposed of at a good profit.
Finding that he had too much Mr. Armour, in conjunction with the other buils in the pork market, after manipulating until the prices opened at from 15 cents to 25 cents nigher than they closed the day previous, discharged part of the holdings suddenly, thus causing a tremendous break in the market. The price during the day dropped 59 cents a barrel, but still many of the shorts held back, waiting for the lower prices which they think will exist Friday.

In the morning the shorts were in great consternation when they found that Mr. Armour and a few other holders had forced the highest price that it has reached since the Lipton deal. For a time the shorts were frantic while the holders lay back, and the price of may pork to \$17.19. This is the highest price that it has reached since the Lipton deal. For a time the shorts were frantic while the holders lay back, and the price threatened to go still higher.

At this point, however, the small holders are inward with a rush and began offering freely.

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Prices Began to Drop. This gave the shorts confidence, and they remained backward and refused to take hold. The men who controlled the market flaunted the prices before them in vain. The shorts remained stolid, and finally they became absolutely indifferent. The offerings increased and the price began to drop with a suddenness that brought joy to the shorts. W. H. Sterling offered from 10,000 to 15,000 barrels, supposedly from the Armour interests, and the price tumbled 5 and 10 cents at a time, until it finally reached \$16,20. Even at the lowest price, however, J. Ogden Armour derived a good profit, since the pork that was sold by his-representatives cost, it is understood, \$15,75. Very little of this, moreover was sold at \$15,29, most of it being disposed of before the price was much below \$1.

The fact that it is known that J. Ogden Armour and a few others who are credited with having control of the market offered freely to-day does not signify that the corner is off. On the contrary, the chances are, it is thought, that the small holders, by letting go of some of their stock, made the way smoother for the others.

Every precaution is being taken by the shorts to preclude any possibility of their being squeezed too hard. They have yet forty days in which to get May pork ready. They say that this can be done easily, so that those having big holdings may dispose of them at a nominal profit instead of endeavoring to squeeze. One reason for the strength of the early This gave the shorts confidence, and they emained backward and refused to take

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One reason for the strength of the early market Thursday was the fact that at the stock yards the receipts of hogs were only 18,000 head, although 25,000 were expected. The price at the yards was from 10 cents to 15 cents higher than on the day before, reaching \$5.15, the highest point that has been reached since 1894.

ROYAL WEDDING PROMISED.

Grand Duke Wilhelm Ernst to Marry Princess Beatrice.

SPECIAL BY CABLE. Weimar, March 21.-(Copyright, 1901, by the New York Herald Company.)-It is stated on reliable authority that the Grand Duke Wilhelm Ernest of Saxe-Weimar will, on the expiration of the period of mourning tor Queen Victoria, become engaged to the oungest daughter of the late Duke Alfred

of Saxe-Coburg Gotha.

The Grand Duke Wilhelm Ernest was The Grand Duke Wilhelm Ernest was born in 1876, and succeeded his grandfather in the Duchy last January. The bride-elect of the rumor is the Princess Beatrice Leopoldine of Saxe-Coburg, the youngest daughter of the late Duke Alfred (second son of Queen Victoria) and the Grand Duchess Marie of Russia. She attains her seventeenth birthday on April 20.

ANOTHER GILMAN "HEIR."

Daughter of Dead Millionaire's Barber Claims Share.

Bridgeport, Conn., March 21.-Another claimant for a share in the Gliman estate came to the front Thursday night in the person of Miss Katherine Kupfer, the

came to the front Thursday night in the person of Miss Katherine Kupfer, the daughter of the dead millionaire's former barber.

Miss Kupfer became a protege of Mr. Gliman a number of years ago when she developed a talent for art and was sent abroad to study painting after a course in this city. She claims that she has in her possession a deed to what is known as the Blenner Studio, a part of the establishment at Black Rock. The studio was originally built for the artist Carl Blenner, to whom the tea merchant was devoted for some years. It is most elaborately fitted up and a very valuable plees of property.

Women's clubs of the city are back of the movement.

By invitation of the Century Club, a meeting was held Thursday of representatives of all the women's clubs in the city are back of the movement.

The matter was discussed at length and each club will take formal action at its first meeting. The plan is to raise money for a site and to provide for maintenance. When his usual terms have thus been combiled with Mr. Carnegie may be invited to build the library. Louislana has now only a small library at the Century Club, a meeting was held Thursday of representatives of all the women's clubs of the city are back of the movement.

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PLATT SUMMONS HIS MANY SCHEMERS PARTY LIEUTENANTS.

Odell That He Is Still Master in New York.

SHORTS WERE IN GOOD HUMOR. QUARREL CREATES SENSATION.

Both Parties Deny That There Has Been One, but Indications Point to Preparations for a Struggle.

New York, March 21.-Not since Roscoe Conkling and Senator Platt resigned from the United States Senate has there been such a sensation in Republican politics as there was Thursday when it became known that Governor Odell had rejected Senator met these were the questions:
"Has Senator Platt reached the end of his

career as a political dictator? Has Gov-ernor Odell supplanted him as leader of the ernor Odell supplanted him as leader of the New York State organization?"

Senator Platt received the news from Albany with a flat denial that there was any quarrel between himself and the Governor. He was as conciliatory and as carriest in his protestations of harmony as he was before he drove Levi P. Morton and Frank S. Black out of active political life and before he forced an unwelcome nomination for the vice presidency upon Theodore Roosevelt to get him out of way.

Under cover of snave declarations, however, Senator Platt lost no time in carrying out his determination to discover whether he still holds the leadership. He has summoned his party lieutenants from all over the State to a council in the Fifth Avenue Hotel on Sunday. He hopes to demonstrate to the Governor that he is still master and that he leadership.

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In Albany, Governor Odel first declared be would not attend the conference and

he would not attend the conference, and then said that he might do so. The Repub-licats in the State capital believe that Sen-ator Platt has surrendered. The Governor joins Senator Platt in denying that there is a quartel. joins Senator Platt in denying that there is a quarrel.
Independent Republicans and Democrats upheld Governor Odell in his stand. The nachine leaders are divided.
Ideantime, Senator Platt asserts that he has not abandoned his metropolitan police science.

TO SUCCEED MACARTHUR.

President's Policy of Relieving Offlcers to Be Followed. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, March 21.-General Mac Arthur will be relieved as Governor General



of the Philippines on July 1, and will return to the United States. General Chaffee, who is now in China vill succeed him.

PLANNING FOR A LIBRARY. Louisiana May Invite Mr. Carnegie to Build One.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Louisiana, Mo., March 2L.—The liberal offers of Andrew Carnegie for libraries in New York and St. Louis has started the library bee to buzzing in this city. The women's clubs of the city are back of the

By Discharging Part of Their Hold- Hopes to Demonstrate to Governor World's Greatest Philanthropist Beset by Alms-Seekers Upon Arrival in England.

GREET CARNEGIE.

DISCUSSES HIS LIBRARY WORK.

Says That America and England Are in the Wrong in Their Wars-Youth's Chances Still Bright.

ship St. Louis arrived at this port this morning with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie among her passengers, the wharf was thronged with mendicants and schemers of various kinds, with visions of free Ireland new patents, free libraries, etc. In addi-Platt's police bill. Wherever Republicans | tion there were scores of letters and telegrams from all parts of Great Eritain and the Continent asking aid from the Ameri-

world. Avoiding the alms-seekers Mr and Mrs Carnegie left for London, where they will

Castle In an interview, Mr. Carnegie said: "I am surprised that my gift to New York City has attracted so much notice. To my way of thinking, it is not nearly so significant as the gift of equal size to my Pittsburg workmen. I have just received cablegram from their mass meeting in Duquesne thanking me for my gift.

Establishing Libraries His Work. "Establishing libraries has for a long ime been my work. My gift to New York City is simply carrying out my usual cus-tom. My gift to New York is without conditions. I leave it to the people to me a such regulations as suit themselves, I shall not presume to dictate in any way re-garding the opening or any other regula-

"So my friend Hewitt comes forward with two sites? He is the noblest Roman of them all, but I won't give anything more to Cooper Institute until he comes over to visit me at Skibo.

"We have many magnificent men in New York-men of public spirit and enterprise. who have made New York the finest city in the world. She is spendidly handled Her streets, parks, public schools and public institutions are magnificently managed New York is the best governed city in the world, but sometimes her best men ar sadly maligned and subjected to harsh criticism. However, we in New York always wash our dirty linen in public. It's "I have been proposed for Mayor, you

No Gifts for England.

say. No power on earth can get me into

"I am not contemplating any particular gifts to England. You know I never announce such things. If I am plied with requests for money, as you say I will be, I shall disregard them. Requests never af-I am governed in my giving by

certain principles clear to my own mind. These governed me in my gift to Nev "You have asked me if I favor opening li braries on Sunday. My religion is broad-or the very broadest kind. I never express an opinion on any man's religious scruples. I am naturally anxious to know the latest

news relating to international affairs. "So the Boer war still progresses and trouble continues in China. Always war! We, America and England, both are in the wrong with our wars. We are both foolish and have made grave blunders all around." A Boy's Chances Still Bright?

Carnegle talked freely concerning the Steel Trust. He believed, he said, that it would not affect Great Britain.
"I think there is no fear," said he, "that the trust's surplus stock will be sold abroaat less than cost, or that the trust hope to slaughter the steel trade of Great Brit

Asked whether the existence of trusts did not tend toward national bankruptcy, or whether they might not prove a step in an evolution toward socialism, Mr. Carnegie

said:
"The man behind the trusts is just as important as ever. Consolidations are the tendency of our age and will prove bene-ficial. The chances of Andrew Carnegie if he landed a penniless boy in New York to-day would be as bright as in 1848, and he would have even a wider field."

ARMY ENLISTMENTS.

Nearly Four Thousand Recruits Since New Law Was Passed. Washington, March 21.-There have been

3,727 enlistments in the regular army since the enactment of the army reorganization

TOWN GOVERNED WITHOUT OFFICERS.

Incorporated, Has Held No Election in Forty Years.

tending to Their Private Business to Worry About Offices or Taxes.

the quiet tenor of their way and not worrying over any faction contests. This town is Fenton, situated on the Gravois road about fourteen miles from St.

While the voters of Webster Groves, Kirk-

Louis and five miles southwest of Kirkwood. Compared in age to other incorpo-rated towns in St. Louis County, Fenton is as a grandfather to a strpling youth. It was incorporated nearly a half century ago, fore there were more than a half dozen houses in either Kirkwood or Webster. And it has been nearly that length of time since

he town has held an election. At the last election, over forty years ago "Honest" John Wilkins was elected chief xecutive of the town. When next election time rolled around the town officials were too busy tending to their gardens to take with the legal requirements. They post-poned from time to time the rectifying of the error until a new generation grew up and forgot about it, although "Honest" John is still living and is still regarded by some as Mayor, in so far as his successor has never yet been elected.

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The town taxes due the municipality of Fenton have long since been outlawed on account of a lainure to attempt to collect them. The Fenton historian says that the preceding generation grew tired of paying town taxes, and, instead of going to the expense of formally surrendering their charter simply quit paying them.

The people of Fenton accordingly claim the unique distinction of being the only town in the United States that is governed without officers. In their case they say that each citizen constitutes himself Mayor, Municipal Assembly and Town Marshal whenever the good of the community is conserved by doing so. The people of Fenton are liberty-loving and law-abiding, and point with pride to the fact that there has only been one assault with intent to kill case in their town during the last half century, and in this instance the offender surrendered and lodged himself in Jail.

The town contains a population of nearly 190. The certificate of incorporation was found in St. Louis twenty-two years ago by Henri Choumeau. He gave it to one of the oldest inhabitants of the town and it has since been kept in his family as a curio.

FIRST ACCIDENT IN TUNNEL.

Four New York Workmen Injured by Dynamite. JAMES BUTLER, chief driller; skull fractured;

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, March 21.-Cased like rate in a trap, 140 feet below the street, without a seeming chance for escape or help, forty-

six men at work on the new rapid transit tunnel at One Hundred and Eighty-first street and Eleventh avenue, were buried Thursday afternoon by a premature explodon of dynamite. Their lives were saved by compressed air

which kept them breathing until they could The explosion occurred shortly before 1

o'clock. It shook the whole of Washington Heights. Houses for blocks around shivered and tenants scrambled pell-mell in terror to the streets. There was no way of getting down th deep shaft to the caged mon, for the blast

had rent the guy ropes and cars asunder and had snapped the signal wires. After the smoke and gas which choked the shaft had cleared away the muffled cries of the imprisoned men gave courage to those who were working like beavers

for the rescue of their fellows. The rescuing party, after an hour's hard work, managed to get one of the hoisting cars at work. In it a party of rescue carefully descended and, gathering the cended with them in squads of twos and threes to the top of the shaft,

OFFERED A THREE-CENT FARE.

Albert Johnson Proposed to Re duce Time and Expense.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, March 21.—Albert L. Johnson made an offer before the Committee on Streets and Railroad of the Board of Aldernen to become a tenant of the Brooklyn tunnel, and reduce the time of travel beto fifteen minutes, besides establishing a -cent fare

He was challenged by Edward M. Shepard, counsel to the Rapid Transit Commission, to make his offer specific and place it before the commission in a way it could be acted on.
Albert L. Johnson opened his remarks by saying that the Rapid Transit Commission

had presented Mr. McDonald with a con-tract worth \$150,000,000, Other conditions being satisfied, he said other conditions being satisfied, he said he would give transportation from the Bat-tery to Staten Island for 3 cents, binding himself to charge no more than that and would cover the distance in fifteen min-

ites. He then made the announcement that he had all the grants and capital, and was already constructing a road from New York to Philadelphia on which he intended to charge a 50-cent fare. He said he would land his passengers from this road at South Ferry, and if he got the tunnel right he would make it a part of the Philadelphia road

PANIC AT CHICAGO FIRE.

Women and Children Trampled in Rush from Falling Walls.

Chicago, March 21.—Fire Thursday night totally destroyed the large warehouse of J. S. Ford, Johnson & Company at Sixteenth street and Wabash avenue. The building and everything inside was ruined. The north, south and east walls of the building collapsed while a number of firemen were inside fighting the fire. They were compelled to drop their hose and run for their lives. Several were badly bruised by falling bricks.

A panic was created among thousands of spectators and, in a wild rush to escape injury by the falling walls, many women and children were knocked down and trampled upon.

The total damage is estimated by officials of the company at \$200,000, one-half of which is on the building and one-half on the stock. The loss is entirely covered by insurance. The company will at once rebuild the burned structure.

BOTH SIDES AGREE TO WITHDRAW TROOPS.

Fenton, St. Louis County, Although British and Russian Soldiers to Evacuate Disputed Territory at Tien-Tsin To-Day.

TAX GATHERER IS NEVER SEEN. THREATENED CLASH AVERTED.

Citizens Have Been Too Busy At- Russian Re-Enforcements on the Way From Port Arthur-English Officers Denied

Pekin, March 22., 2 a. m.-Count von wood, Ferguson and Florissant are engaged Waldersee, General Barrow and General in red-hot municipal campaigns, there is at Wogack have been in consultation, and least one incorporated town in St. Louis General Wogack has agreed to withdraw County where the inhabitants are pursuing the Russian troops from the disputed the Russian troops from the disputed ground at Tien-Tsin, provided the British also withdraw. He insisted also upon a guarantee that work on the railroad siding should not proceed until the matter had

been diplomatically adjusted. This proposal and stipulation was satis factory to General Barrow, and was accepted by him Consequently the British and Russian

troops will be withdrawn at 5 o'clock this norning (Friday), thereby avoiding all trouble at present. Orders have been issued, however, that

no British officer shall leave, or even "sleep out" at night, or go to dinner without furnishing his address to the Adjutant.

The Russians have ordered a regiment o proceed from Port Arthur to Tien-Tsin. The arrangements made by General Ball-loud, the French commander, are regarded

as completely satisfactory, and all danger

of a collision between the British and French is considered obviated. LANSDOWNE'S ANNOUNCEMENT. London, March 21, 4:51 p. m.-In the House of Commons to-day the Foreign Secretary, Lord Lansdowne, announced that Russia and Great Britain had agreed to withdraw their troops from the disputed territory at Tien-Tsin and reserve the question of title and proprietary rights for subsequent ex-

Doctor Morrison, wiring to the Times from Pekin Wednesday, says: "The Russian claims to the railway sid-ing at Tien-Tsin is based upon the grant of a new concession made to Russia by Li Hung Chang since the occupation. This concession embraces a high area in a commanding position, with a river frontage of

wo and a half miles. "Such a grant is scarcely compatible with the piedges of the Powers as to disinterest-edness and it is doubtful whether Li Hung Chang, as Viceroy of Chi-Li, had the right to make it. Evidently the Russians them-selves have their misgivings, for in order to strengthen their position they are bring-ing the greatest pressure to bear upon the Chinese owners to yield them titles of land. FRENCH TROOPS GROW UNRULY.

SPECIAL BY CABLE. Tien-Tsin, March 20, 8:29 p. m.-(Copyright, 1901, by the New York Herald Company.)-Altercations continue here between the French and British. An Indian officer of high rank horsewhipped a French Sergeant to-day. The discipline of the French forces leaves much to be desired. While best to maintain discipline, it would not

beyond control at any moment. Already I have heard of French soldiers hissing their own officers, and it is reported that some French officers have been stoned in a mysterious manner by missiles coming from untraceable quarters Contingents of Cossacks are continually

surprise me to see the French troops get

dribbling in, and the Russians have now 500 men more than they had here yester-Nothing has yet been heard of the arrival at the mouth of the river of the ex-

pected re-enforcements from Port Arthur

On the other hand, it is reported and be-

and New Chwang.

lleved here that the British fleet is collecting at Wel-Hal-Wel for the purpose of making a naval demonstration against Port The New South Wales Brigade came from Pekin to-day for the purpose of re-enforcing the Victorian contingent in guarding the

British settlement. The presence of these troops and the arrival of the marines from Take has had a reassuring effect upon the mmunity. A plan to barricade the British settlenent was much discussed yesterday, but

has not been carried out. HAY'S INDEMNITY PROPOSITION.

Washington, March 21 .- As a result of explanations made by the several diplomate who called to see Secretary Hay to-day and an encouraging dispatch received from Mr. Rockhill, the United States Special Commissioner in Pekin, there was a more hopeful feeling prevalent this afternoon in official circles regarding the determination of the amount of indemnity China should be called upon to pay. Many inquiries were made of the Secretary as to the amount ween the Battery and Richmond Borough of the indemnity that would be demanded by the United States, but it will not be higher than \$200,000,000, the amount hitherto

mentioned. Without displacing the pending proposi tion, the United States Government has advanced another and a radical proposition semely, to divide the total indemnity collected-say \$200,000,000-into eight parts, of which the United States would receive one. It is true that ten Powers are represented at Pekin, but at less two of them have no foundation for a claim to indemnity.

ALL HARMONIOUS.

Pekin, March 21, Noon.—The Ministers are working in perfect harmony and everything is progressing satisfactorily. The questions remaining to be decided are the nature of the guards along the line of communica-tion with the sea and the razing of the forts, which, being purely military matters, the Generals will decide and report their decisions to the Ministers.

HER MIND WAS A BLANK.

New York Girl Found Wandering in Washington.

Washington, March 21.—In a dazed condition, caused either by a drug or some great mental trouble, a young woman, supposed by the police to be Mabel Connor, 18 years old, of No. 121 West Forty-first street, New York, where she lived with her aunt, was found wandering in the streets here to-night. The girl was weeping, and her mind appeared to be a blank. mind appeared to be a blank. When asked if she was Mabel Connor sh

seemed to brighten up, but before any defi-nite answer could be obtained from her she was selzed with a fit of hysteria and fainted. One doctor believed she had been drugged

one doctor believed she had been drugged by some one. Miss Connor was a student in a normal college in New York City and disappeared from the home of her aunt last Tuesday. She is the daughter of a wealthy merchant, and is said to have a runter for travel.